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**Re: Lower Willamette River, Portland Harbor Superfund Site
USEPA Docket No: CERCLA-10-2001-0240
Monthly Progress Report for March 2003**

Dear Mr. Humphrey and Ms. Martich.

This monthly status report contains information required by the Portland Harbor Superfund Site Administrative Order on Consent.

1. ACTIONS TAKEN IN MARCH 2003

The following activities were taken in March 2003 to comply with the AOC:



- Laboratory analyses of Round 1 sediment and tissue samples continued
- The LWG continued the evaluation of groundwater data at upland facilities
- The LWG continued a file review of upland sites to support development of the Round 2 FSP and source evaluation
- Technical subgroups continued to meet to discuss and resolve technical issues that will be addressed in the revised Work Plan
- The LWG continued the validation of available sediment chemistry data
- The LWG developed a PowerPoint presentation containing significant amount of background information to support the selection of sampling stations for Round 2A
- EPA and LWG technical staff met March 20 to discuss the Round 2A field sampling program
- Revised Work Plan was submitted to EPA on March 31
- The LWG presented the recommended hydrodynamic and sediment transport modeling approach to EPA and worked on a technical memorandum describing the recommended approach

2. RESULTS OF SAMPLING, TESTS AND OTHER DATA RECEIVED

- Additional sediment data were received from the laboratory
- Tissue metals data were received from the laboratory

3. SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

The work described in the AOC that is planned for the months of April and May 2003 includes:

- Continue to monitor sediment stakes on a quarterly basis
- Continue processing sediment and tissue chemistry samples
- Validate laboratory data for sediment and tissues
- Conduct a multibeam bathymetric survey
- Submit a technical memorandum that describes the purpose and scope of the hydrodynamic modeling effort
- Submit a data report containing the results of the multiplate and benthic infauna studies
- Submit technical memoranda containing the results of the amphibian/plant recon survey and adult lamprey recon survey
- Complete and submit a Round 2A Field Sampling Plan and QAPP Addendum.

4. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, ANTICIPATED DELAYS AND SOLUTIONS

None

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (206) 241-5185.

Sincerely,

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